Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Rating to colleges and universities

4024. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has decided to provide rating to all the universities/colleges across the country; and

(b) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) At present, Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Education Institutions by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) is voluntary. NAAC has so far accredited 140 universities and 3591 colleges in the country. To expeditiously cover a large number of institutions, the NAAC has adopted a new methodology with effect from 1st April, 2007.

Uniform education policy

4025. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has evolved a uniform policy in the entire country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this policy has been implemented fully; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. As 'Education' is a subject on the Concurrent List of the Constitution, it is the shared responsibility of both the Central and State Governments.

The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 (as modified in 1992) provides for a National System of Education, which implies that up to a given level, all students, irrespective of caste, creed, location or sex, have access to education of a comparable quality. It also accords priority for improvement of the standard of education at all levels for children living in rural and urban areas.

(d) Does not arise.

Registration of corruption complaints

4026. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has developed a centralized system to register corruption related complaints against the Central educational institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such institutions include IITs, IIMs, CBSE, UGC and Kendriya Vidyalayas also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Corruption related complaints against the Central educational institutions, including IITs, IIMs, CBSE, UGC and Kendriya Vidyalas can be registered in the Vigilance Wing of the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The complaints against these educational institutions can also be lodged with the Central Vigilance Commission.

Literacy Mission Projects for NGOs

†4027. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Total Literacy Mission Projects approved by the Central Government for NGOs in the rural areas, under the National Literacy Mission, during the last three years, till date, State-wise and district-wise; and

(b) whether performance of NGOs has been reviewed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Under National Literacy Mission, grants are sanctioned to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for the following purposes:

* To conduct vocational training programmes in various trades for the benefit of the neo-literates, unskilled and unemployed youths and other weaker sections of the society belonging to rural and urban areas through district level institutions called Jan Shikshan Sansthans (JSSs). 221 JSSs have been set up in various districts of the country.

* To provide academic and technical resource support to the literacy programme being implemented in the States including rural areas through State level institutions called State Resource Centres (SRCs). 26 SRCs have been set up in various States for this purpose.

* To take up literacy programmes, innovative projects for compact and limited areas of the district, publication of neo-literate magazines for circulation to various districts, undertaking research studies, conducting conferences/seminars etc.

A statement showing number of JSSs and NGO projects sanctioned, State-wise and district-wise, during the last three years, till date is given in the Statement I and II (*See* below), respectively. Besides, one SRC was sanctioned for the State of Chhattisgarh during 2006-07.

(b) Yes, Sir. Performance of these organisations is being reviewed periodically through their Quarterly and Annual Progress Reports. In addition the performance of SRCs and JSSs is also reviewed through Annual Action Plan Meetings.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.